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CHLORINE BASED WASTE AND USE OF RECOVERED HYDROGEN  
CHLORIDE

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SIR:

This communication is submitted in answer to the Office Action dated March 2, 2004, which set a three month period for response. A Request for Extension of Time for one month is attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference, thereby extending the date for response from June 2, 2004 to July 2, 2004.